

MOTION

Lawmaker Challenge

On November 11, 2017, my office partnered with public service startup Lawmaker to challenge the Los Angeles public to come up with policies that would increase government transparency & disclosure. Over a one month period, Los Angeles registered voters submitted ideas and voted for their favorites.

Of the eight ideas submitted, the idea with the most support was written by a local scientific researcher and board member of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, Jamie Tijerina, who suggested that the Los Angeles City Council host more meetings after typical 9-to-5 business hours to afford more opportunities for the working public to attend council and committee meetings.

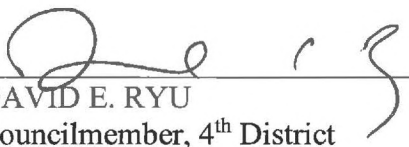
In Jamie's words: *"One of the biggest ways to increase community involvement and transparency is to hold public meetings at times when the public is available to attend. This means that meetings should be scheduled and held at various times throughout the day, including times after 5pm. One of the biggest barriers for public attendance at city council meetings and commission meetings, is that they are held during the day, when many people with 9-5 or daytime work schedules cannot attend."*

Similar to how the Los Angeles City Council works to improve the ability for San Fernando Valley Constituents to attend and comment on items of concern to them by hosting occasional council meetings at Van Nuys City Hall, the City Council could commit to hosting occasionally regular meetings in the evening to enable additional members of the public to more easily attend and comment.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report within 30 days on the costs and feasibility of amending Council Rule 18 to establish one or more council meetings each month to be held at 5:00 p.m. instead of the currently proscribed 10:00 a.m.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report on the costs, feasibility, and process for commission and committee meetings to be held at evening hours as needed to allow for additional public access.

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